Creating a Virtual Research Environment to build a research Community

Conference or Workshop Item

Doctoral Training at The Open University

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Our research community

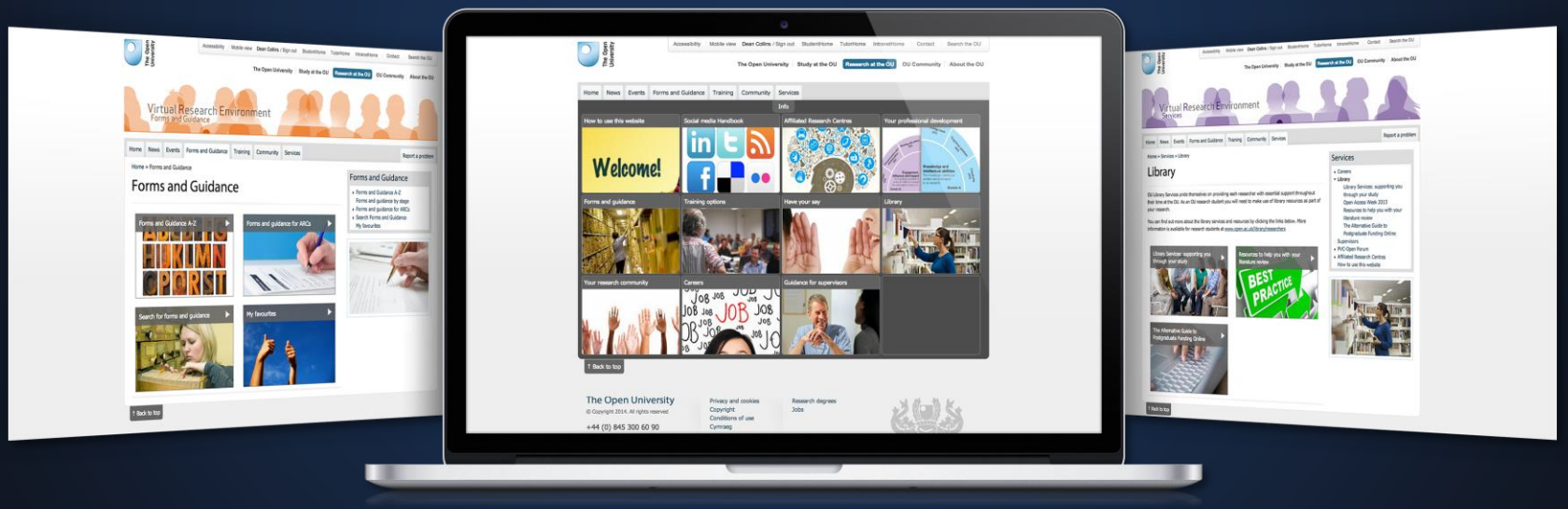
- 1200 PGRs (global)
- Diverse
- Wide range of subjects

Why build a VRE?

- We aim to provide parity of experience for all PGRs
- Support both on campus and at a distance
- Online services customised for graduate need
- Integrated research community students, supervisors, partner institutions administrators

OU model delivers access at scale to global users

The VRE is an online portal to resources and tools



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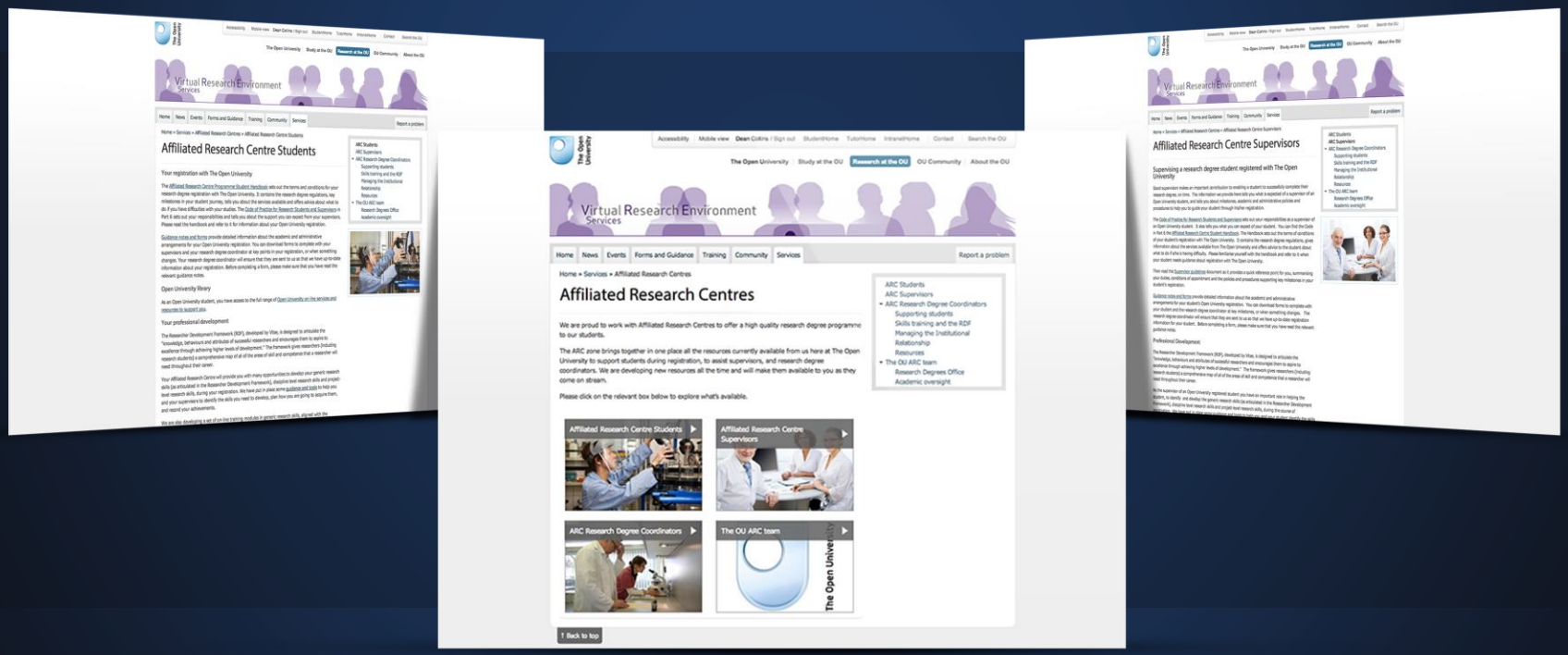
DTP communities on the VRE

Affiliated Research Centres



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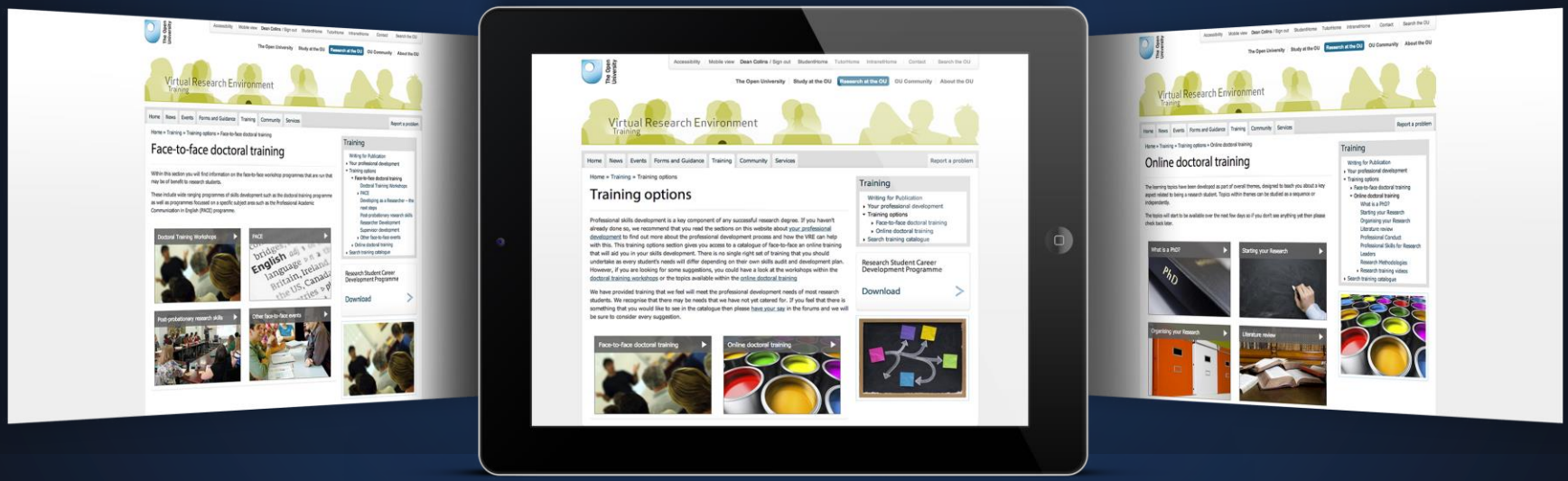

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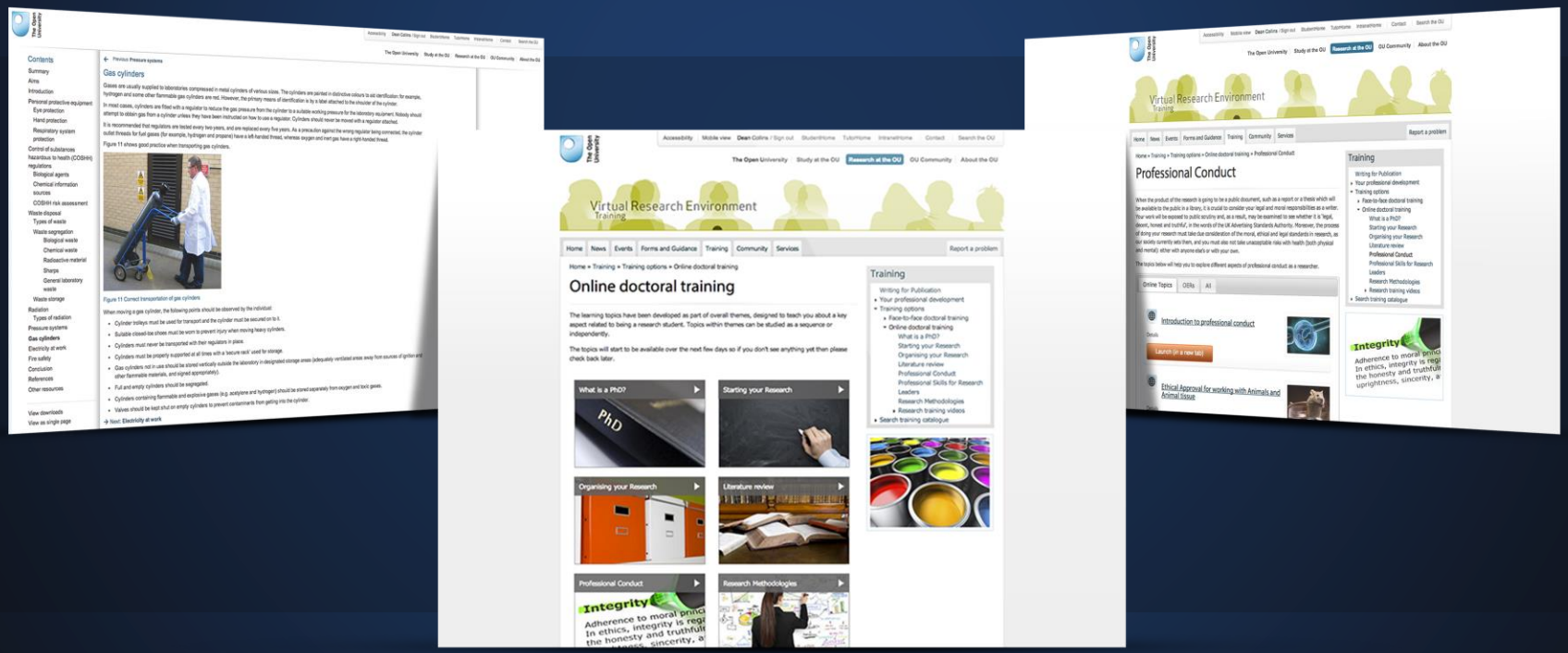
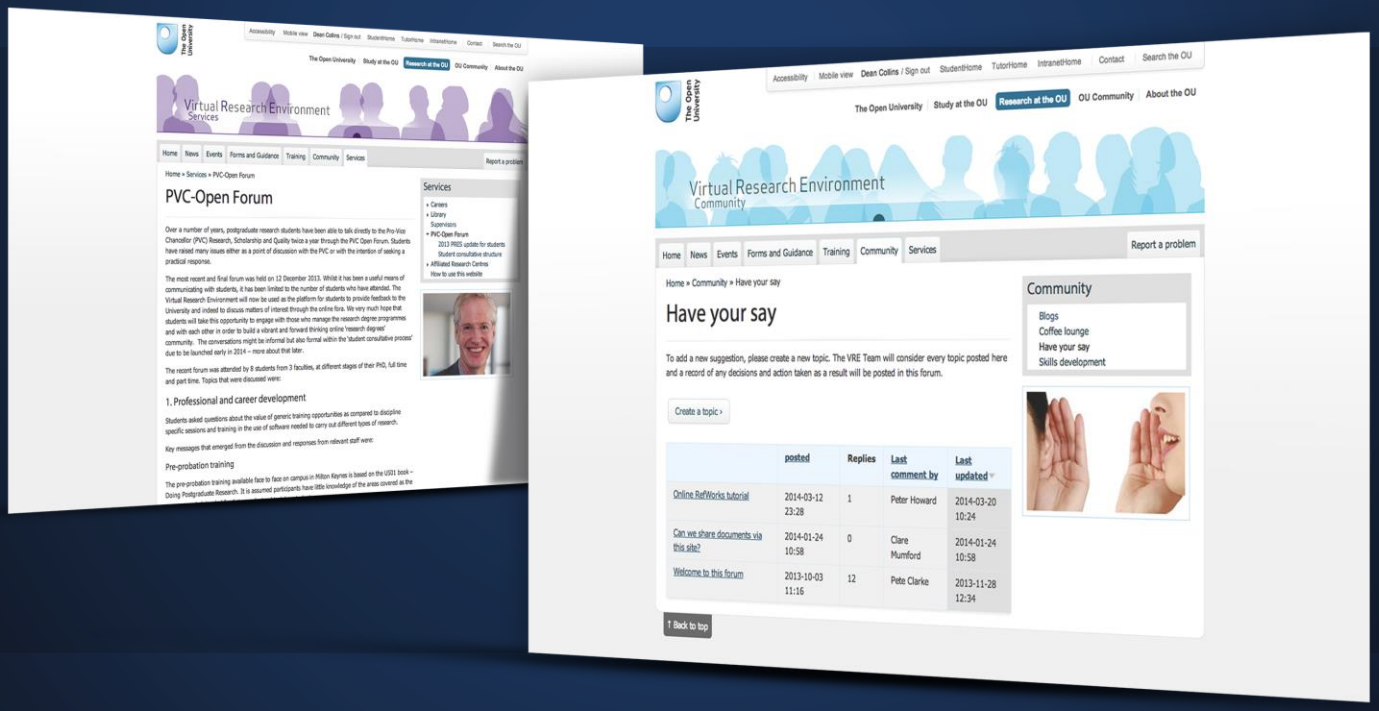
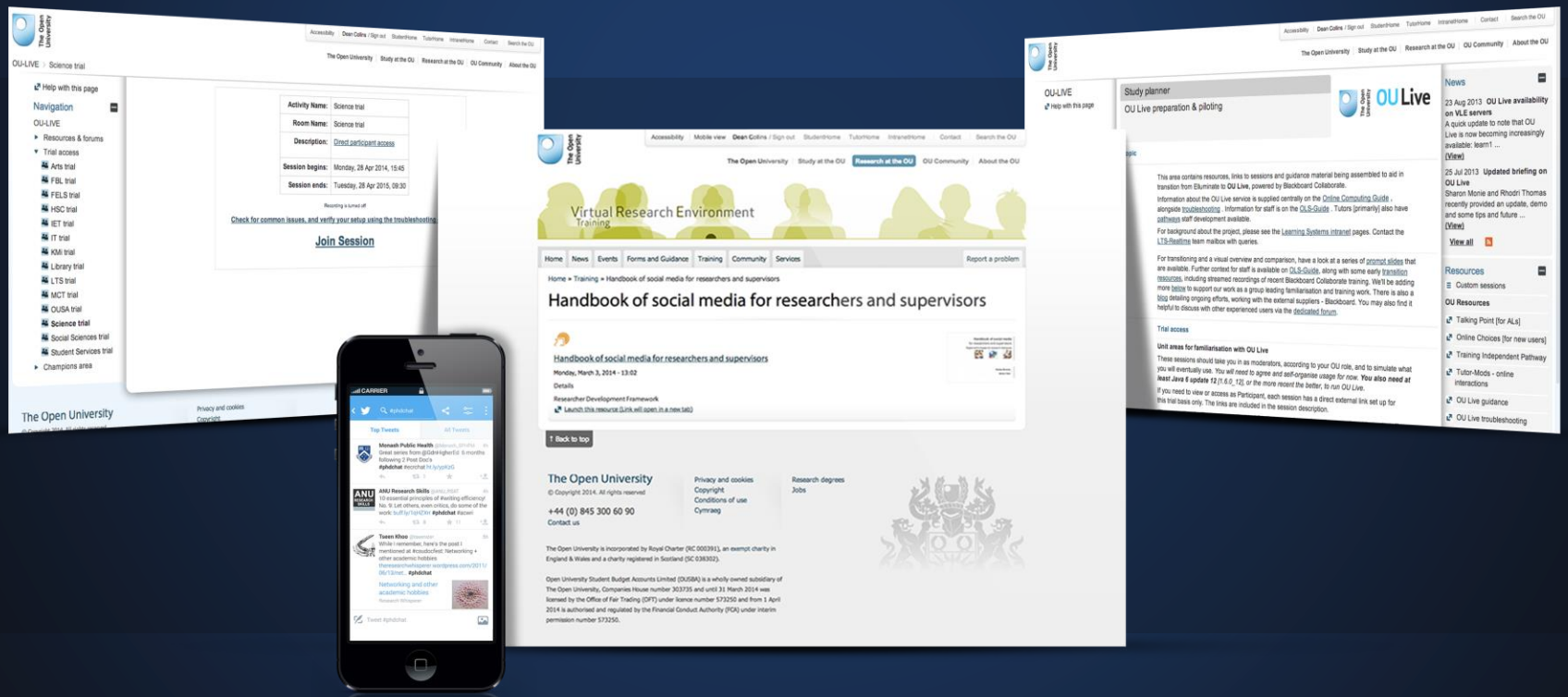


Community tools

The VRE listens to the community

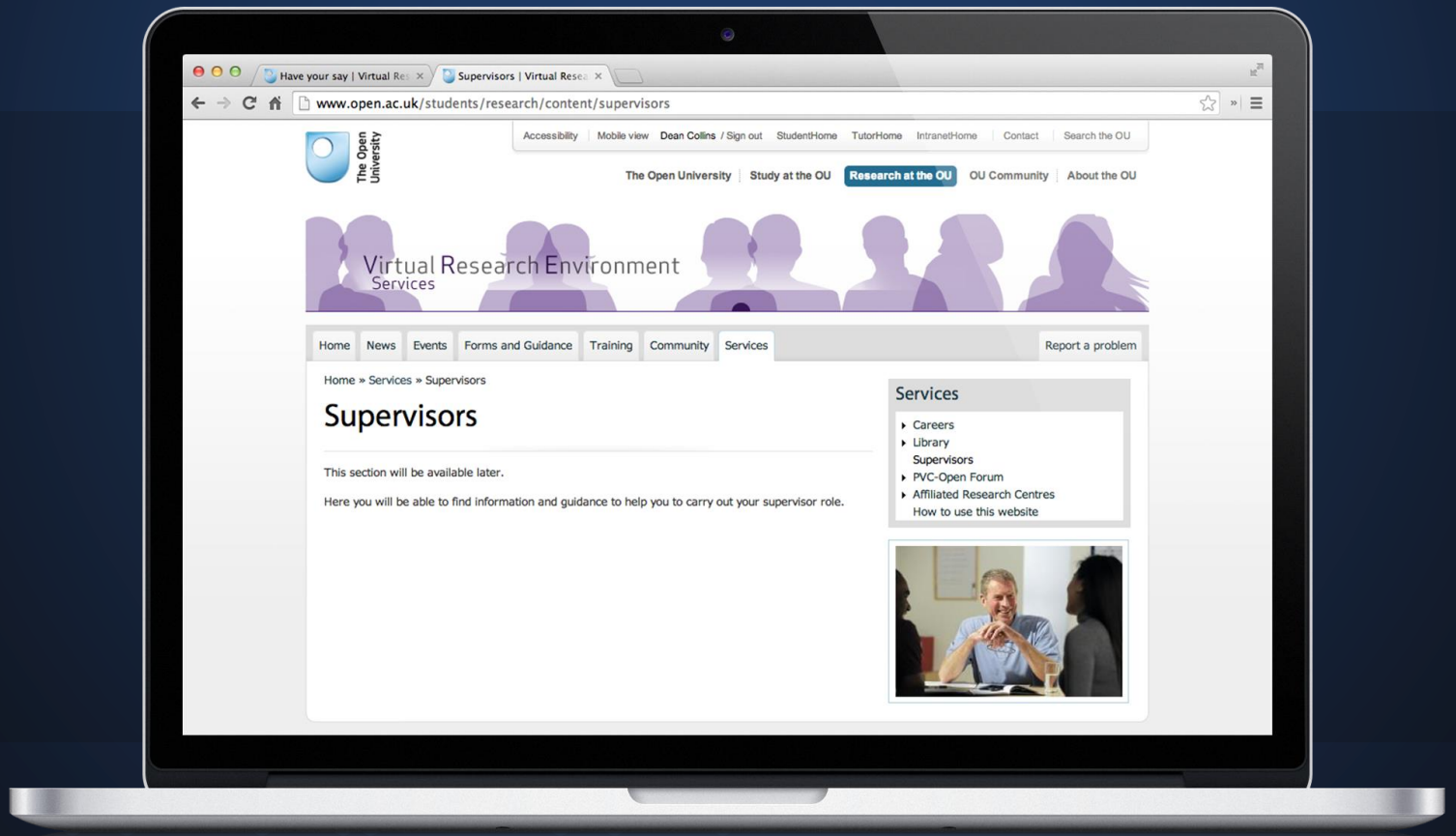


Social Media and other community tools



The VRE organises existing resources for the PGR student

The VRE is designed to continually evolve and adapt to the community needs

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